

In the Claims:

1 1. (Currently amended) Apparatus for warning of differential
2 pressure during ~~[[the]]~~ opening of a pressure-loaded
3 closure device (1) of an opening in ~~[[the]]~~ an aircraft
4 fuselage by ~~means of~~ an opening mechanism (4; 100,
5 105) including a control lever (4; 208) and a flap (4A)
6 that covers the control lever, characterized in that an air
7 guide passage (6; 206, 207) is provided from ~~[[the]]~~
8 a first side with higher pressure (P) to ~~[[the]]~~ a second
9 side with lower pressure (A), ~~[[which]]~~ wherein the air
10 guide passage is closeable by a valve (5; 209), whereby and
11 the valve (5; 209) is controllable with a control lever (4;
12 208) placed in operative connection with the opening
13 mechanism (4; 100, 105), operatively connected with and
14 controlled by the flap so that the valve is opened upon
15 operation of the flap, and the apparatus produces an
16 acoustic signal upon [[the]] opening of the valve (5; 209)
17 and an existing when a differential pressure exists between
18 the first and second sides.

1 2. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that the apparatus further includes a
3 signal producing device that produces the acoustic signal,
4 and the valve (5) is connected with [[a]] the signal
5 producing device (8). (8), for example a whistle for the
6 producing of an acoustic signal.

1 3. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that the valve (5) itself comprises means
3 for ~~[[the]]~~ producing ~~[[of-an]]~~ the acoustic signal, ~~for~~
4 ~~example a hissing or rushing.~~

Claims 4 to 19 (Canceled).

1 20. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that the control lever (4) is embodied as
3 a door operating lever, ~~which is placed in operative~~
4 ~~connection and the door operating lever or the flap is~~
5 operatively connected with the valve (5) via a mechanical
6 connection (9), ~~such as~~ comprising a Bowden cable
7 arrangement or a tension cable arrangement or a lever/rod
8 mechanism or a transmission.

1 21. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that, in the operation of the ~~control~~
3 ~~lever (4)~~ flap (4A) a first condition is reached, in which
4 the valve (5) opens and, ~~for-an-existing~~ when the
5 differential pressure exists, ~~[[an]]~~ the acoustic ~~warning~~
6 signal is provided produced.

1 22. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 21,
2 characterized in that the operating operation of the
3 ~~control means~~ flap (4A) further results in a second
4 condition, if ~~[[no]]~~ the differential pressure ~~exists~~ does

5 not exist and thus the opening process is able to further
6 proceed.

Claim 23 (Canceled).

1 24. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that the closure device comprises a door,
3 and the air guide passage (6) is provided in the door (1).

1 25. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that the closure device comprises a door,
3 and the air guide passage (6) is provided in a door frame
4 (2) surrounding the door (1).

1 26. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 2,
2 characterized in that at least one of the air guide passage
3 (6) ~~[[and/or]]~~ or the signal producing device (8), in
4 connection with ~~[[a]]~~ existence of the differential
5 pressure, guides ~~[[the]]~~ an airflow in a targeted manner in
6 a direction of the operating hand. toward a hand of a
7 person operating the control lever or the flap.

1 27. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that the air guide passage is embodied as
3 a connection pipe (6) or as a different type of air
4 channel.

Claims 28 to 30 (Canceled).

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1 31. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that the control lever (208) is provided
3 on ~~[[its]]~~ a free end thereof with a roller (218), which,
4 for ~~[[the]]~~ closing ~~[[of]]~~ the valve (209), presses a
5 spring-loaded slide bolt (215) with a connected seal (217)
6 ~~[[on]]~~ onto a valve flange (213), ~~as well as~~ and for
7 opening the valve (209) the spring-loaded slide bolt (215)
8 is released through rotation of the control lever (208) and
9 thus clears an out-flow opening in the valve flange (213).

1 32. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 31,
2 characterized in that the out-flow opening in the valve
3 flange (213), an in-flow opening (212) on ~~[[the]]~~ a valve
4 housing (211) as well as the seal ~~rubber~~ (217) are embodied
5 for producing the acoustic signal as a hissing/rushing
6 acoustic signal.

1 33. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 31,
2 characterized in that the seal ~~rubber~~ (217) is loaded in a
3 direction of the out-flow opening ~~of the valve (209)~~ with
4 an existing pressure difference between the first and
5 second sides, and thereby closes the out-flow opening
6 additionally to ~~[[the]]~~ a pressure of the spring-loaded
7 slide bolt (215).

1 34. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that the pressure-loaded closure device
3 comprises an aircraft door, the control lever (208) is

4 arranged on ~~[[the]]~~ a locking shaft (105) of the ~~[[door]]~~
5 opening mechanism (100), and through rotation of the
6 locking shaft (105), ~~[[the]]~~ a free end of the control
7 lever (208) is moved in a circular arc path, whereby
8 ~~an opening of the valve (209) takes place~~ is opened before
9 the ~~door~~ opening mechanism (100) completely releases the
10 aircraft door. ~~[[+1-]]~~

1 35. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that, for ~~[[the]]~~ a closed condition of
3 the valve (209), an over-travel of the control lever (208)
4 past ~~[[the]]~~ a dead center point thereof is provided on
5 ~~[[the]]~~ a motion path of ~~[[the]]~~ a free end of the control
6 lever (208).

1 36. (New) Apparatus for warning of differential pressure during
2 opening of a pressure-loaded aircraft door (1), which
3 closes an opening in an aircraft fuselage, by an opening
4 mechanism (4; 100, 105), characterized in that an air guide
5 passage (6; 206, 207) is provided from a first side in a
6 passenger cabin inside the aircraft fuselage, via a
7 through-flow opening in the aircraft door, to a second side
8 exposed to an outside environment outside of the aircraft
9 fuselage, wherein the through-flow opening (206) is
10 arranged in an outside hand lever box (106) that is
11 provided in the aircraft door, and wherein the air guide
12 passage is closeable by a valve (5; 209) that is
13 controllable with a control lever (4; 208) of the opening

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14 mechanism (4; 100, 105) that is operatively connected with
15 the valve so that the apparatus produces an acoustic signal
16 upon opening of the valve (5; 209) when a differential
17 pressure exists between the first and second sides.

1 37. (New) Apparatus according to claim 36, characterized in
2 that the air guide passage proceeds via the valve (209) and
3 a connected air guide device (207) to the through-flow
4 opening (206).

1 38. (New) Apparatus according to claim 37, characterized in
2 that the air guide device (207) is positioned by a flange
3 (210) on a door structure (110) of the aircraft door in the
4 hand lever box (106).

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